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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF NEW CATERING POLICY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of anomalies exist in New Catering Policy, 2004 ;

(b) if so, the details of representations/demands received from various catering associations, small vendors in this regard ;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the policy to remove its anomalies ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. However, representations from public representatives and other associations were received involving the various issues relating to Catering Policy, 2004 such as monopoly of big companies, unemployment of workers, relaxation of financial criteria for tenders, demand for enhanced reservation in catering units etc. New Catering Policy, 2005 has already been formulated, which is effective from 16.03.2005 and takes into account the demands made by various Catering Associations.